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List of non-governmental organizations and civil society entities recommended for accreditation to participate in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 2006/46, the Economic and Social Council approved supplementary arrangements for representation of and consultation with non-governmental organizations in the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

2. Non-governmental organizations and civil society entities not in consultative status with the Council but that received accreditation to the World Summit on the Information Society may participate, upon approval by the Council in a timely manner, on an exceptional basis and without prejudice to the established rules of the United Nations, in the next two meetings of the Commission. This provision is based on the understanding that in the meantime, the aforementioned organizations and entities will apply for consultative status with the Council in accordance with existing rules and procedures and that, in accordance with Council resolution 1996/31, the Council would invite the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to consider such applications, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations, and to do so as expeditiously as possible.

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3. Non-governmental organizations and civil society entities not in consultative status with the Council that were accredited to the second and third meetings of the Preparatory Committee for the Geneva phase and the first to third meetings of the Preparatory Committee for the Tunis phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (see WSIS/PC-2/DOC/9, WSIS/PC-3/DOC/7, WSIS-II/PC-1/DOC/3, WSIS-II/PC-2/DOC/10 and WSIS/PC-3/DOC/4 and Add.1),[1] are hereby recommended for accreditation to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in accordance with Council resolution 2006/46. The accreditation of those non-governmental organizations and civil society entities to the Commission would be valid for a period of two years from the time of the adoption by the Council of a decision allowing those entities to participate in the work of the Commission, specifically in follow-up to the Summit, for that period.

[1] See http://www.itu.int/wsis/documents/.